



# The construction and the first run of the CLOUD experiment

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#### **CLOUD** collaboration





#### 19 institutes:

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**CERN** involvement:

- PH-SME-CL
- PH-DT: Gas system, Thermal system, HV field cage, Infrastructure, Technical coordination
- EN-MME
- EN-MEF
- EN-CV
- TE-VSC







- Background: Cosmic rays, aerosols and climate
- CLOUD Concept
- CLOUD Facility
- CLOUD Measurement instruments
- First run in 2009
- Plans for 2010 and beyond



#### Cosmic rays and climate ?



• Numerous correlations suggest GCR-climate connection but no established physical link.



Year



#### Maybe the link between Cosmic rays and Climate is via aerosols? (1/2)





- All cloud droplets form on aerosol "seeds" known as cloud condensation nuclei CCN
- Cloud properties are sensitive to number of droplets
- More aerosols/CCN:
  - Brighter clouds, with longer lifetimes
- Sources of atmospheric aerosols:
  - Primary (dust, sea salt, fires)
  - Secondary (gas-to-particle conversion)



#### What is an aerosol?



#### Definition: Suspension of small (liquid or solid) particles in a gas

Diesel soot: ca. 0.1 µm



Ammonium sulfate: ca. 0.1  $\mu$ m



Sea salt: 0.2 - 10 µm



Mineral dust: 0.2 - 10 μm



Pollen: 10 - 100 µm





### **Primary Aerosol Sources**





Industrial Emissions

#### Traffic emissions ► Soot

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#### **Secondary Aerosol Formation**











# Maybe the link between Cosmic rays and Climate is via aerosols? (2/2)





- Secondary (gas-to-particle conversion) aerosol formation: Trace condensable vapour  $\rightarrow$  CN  $\rightarrow$  CCN
- But contributing vapours and nucleation rates poorly known
- H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> is thought to be the primary condensable vapour in atmosphere (sub ppt)
- Ion-induced nucleation pathway is energetically favoured but limited by the ion production rate and ion lifetime
- Candidate mechanism for solar-climate variability
  This is now studied by CLOUD





#### **CLOUD** experiment concept







**CLOUD** in PS-T11







### CLOUD-06 prototype



- First prototype measurement campaign took place in Oct/Nov 2006:
  - 8 m<sup>3</sup> chamber, stainless steel and teflon
  - Ultrapure air supply, field cage, UV illumination through PTFE-foil
  - Various analytical instruments (beam, gases, ions, aerosol)





- Numerous nucleation events observed, but problems with:
  - Lack of measurement reproducibility
  - Surface cleanliness
  - Insufficient thermal control
  - Valuable technical lessons for CLOUD-09 design



#### CLOUD-09



• Based on results from the CLOUD-06 prototype the design of the CLOUD-09 chamber has been developed.

Unique capabilities:

- temperature stability: <0.1°C</li>
- temperature range: -90°C to +30°C; cleaning at +100°C
- surface cleanliness: <10 pptv organics contamination, stainless steel (and gold), no teflon, no O-rings
- ultrapure gas supplies
- UV system: negligible heat load by use of fibre optics.
- field cage 30 kV/m

Highly advanced aerosol chamber already as such!

#### CLOUD-09







#### **CLOUD** Aerosol chamber





- Only metallic seals
- Electropolished inner surfaces



#### T11 area rearranged for CLOUD









#### Aerosol chamber in T11









Caillebotis #!&? ... November 2009!



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#### Ultra-pure air







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### UV system











#### HV field cage















#### Thermal system











#### **Temperature stability**







- Chamber walls & internal temperature stable to ~0.01°C over long periods
- No temperature change when UV lights turned on at 100%
- No T-induced nucleations were observed during entire campaign
- All 2009 beam runs were made at +19°C



#### CLOUD in Nov-Dec 2009 beam run







#### **CLOUD** Measurement instruments





#### Aerosols from gas-to-particle conversion / Cosmic rays















#### AIS principle























#### $H_3O^+ + VOC \rightarrow VOCH^+ + H_2O$ pseudo first-order kinetics





### System Description: PTR-TOFMS





#### **HR-ToF-AMS**







Filament

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#### High Resolution comparison





### Atmospheric Pressure Interface Time Of Flight (API-TOF) mass spectrometer







#### **API-TOF scheme**





#### **Condensation Particle Counter**







#### **CPC** detection efficiency





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#### Buthanol CPC principle







#### Differential mobility analyser (DMA)

















## Results 2009: fireworks at





# Results 2009



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- Investigation of the nucleation rate depending on:
  - RH
  - Ions concentration
  - H2SO4 concentration



# Future plan



- Near future (2010-2013)
  - Investigate the Temperature dependence
  - Investigate with other substance (organics)
  - Cloud droplet formation
  - Ice formation

- Far future (Beam not needed all the time)
  - Health effect
  - Other organics
  - Lower pressure experiment
  - Aerosol aging
  - Ice formation with different seed
  - Chemical evolution within cloud droplet





Backup slide







### Results: Nucleation event measured with a SMPS





#### Aerosol health effects





Importance of aerosol particle size

- D > 2.5µm
- D < 1-2.5µm
- D < 1µm

Importance of chemical composition of the soluble

Penetration of toxic components and irritation of the breathing system





# The global mean radiative forcing of the climate system



#### IPCC 4<sup>th</sup> assessment report, 2007<sub>51</sub>





#### N.A.I.S.

Neutral Cluster and Air Ion Spectrometer Mobility analyzer: DMA + electrometers



Figure 4: A schematic figure of the Neutral Cluster and Air Ion Spectrometer (NAIS, courtesy of Ms. Hanna Manninen and Dr. Aadu Mirme).



#### **Aerosol Mass Spectrometer**





• Particle Beam Blocked



#### **Aerosol Mass Spectrometer**





• Particle Beam Chopped









Aerosol climate effects











Raes et al., Atmos Env, 34 (25), 4215-4240, 2000



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### Various radiative mechanisms



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H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>

Studied by CLOUD

rays





 $N_2$ 

ion pairs





### Indirect effect of carbonaceous particles: Ship tracks



Ship tracks on the East Atlantic

Aerosol particles emitted by ships (soot particles with a high sulfur content) act as CCN and form clouds and enhance cloud reflectivity 60

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# Indirect aerosol effect



### Large droplets → Weak reflection

Small droplets → Strong reflection

#### **Indirect effect**

Number of CCN influences the droplet number and size (Twomey-Effect) and thereby the cloud albedo and lifetime. <sup>66</sup>



# 'Ship tracks' visualise the indirect effe



Satelletenaumahme (Wellenlänge: 3.7 µm)